



November 15, 2007

Ms. Daphne Roe, Chair
California 9-1-1 Advisory Board
601 Sequoia Pacific Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95814-0231

Re: Increase in Copper Thefts in California

Dear Ms. Rhoe:

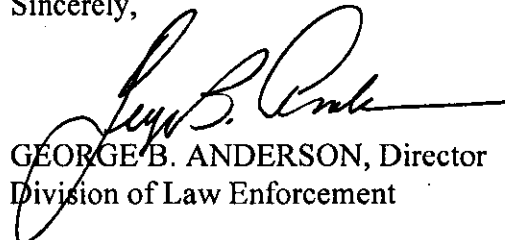
The Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) is in receipt of your letter dated October 1, 2007, regarding the increase of copper thefts throughout California. The DLE shares your concerns about the public's safety as a result of these thefts.

The DLE California Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was assigned to work with legal counsel from the California Department of Conservation (DOC) to determine if any solution could be identified at the State level. The research conducted by the legal counsel showed that "scrap metals" fall under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the authority to regulate "scrap metals" is delegated back to each county in the State through their weights and measure programs.

At this point, I can make arrangements with the California DOC Counsel to review any legal remedies at the State level. Upon initial review, the role of the DLE is limited.

Please feel free to contact DLE/CBI Acting Chief Edward J. Machado at (916) 319-9070, if you have additional questions regarding this.

Sincerely,


GEORGE B. ANDERSON, Director
Division of Law Enforcement

For EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Attorney General

cc: Edward J. Machado, Acting Chief